

Table 2 General Hook & Line Regulations **Coolwater Fish (Note 1)**

Species	Minimum Size	Daily/ Possession Limit	Seasons
Largemouth bass Smallmouth bass (Note 2)	14"	5  in any combination but  no more than  2 northern pike	<b>3rd. Sat. in June - Dec. 31:</b> L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R. (See p. 17) <b>Sat. before Memorial Day - Dec. 31:</b> All other waters including Great Lakes (except those listed in <b>Note 2</b> )
Walleye (Note 3)	15" except 13" on L. St. Clair St. Clair R.		<b>May 15 - February 28:</b> On Upper Pen. inland waters not otherwise closed to fishing, Gr. Lakes waters and St. Marys R. <b>Last Sat. in April - March 15:</b> On Lower Pen. inland waters not otherwise closed to fishing.
Northern pike (Note 7 & 8)	24"		<b>Open all year(except L. Erie Note 3):</b> Lower Pen. Gr. Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R. (See p. 17)
Flathead catfish	15"		<b>Open all year</b>
Channel catfish	12"	10	
Muskellunge (Note 7 & 8)	42"	1	<b>May 15 - February 28:</b> Upper Pen. inland and Gr. Lakes waters St. Marys R. <b>Last Sat. in April - March 15:</b> Lower Pen. inland waters <b>Open all year:</b> Lower Pen. waters of L. Michigan Lower Pen. waters of L. Huron L. Erie <b>1st Sat. in June - Dec. 15:</b> L. St. Clair, St.Clair R., Detroit R. (See p. 17)
Yellow perch (Note 4)	No  size  limit	50	<b>Open all year</b>
Sunfishes (Note 5)		25 in any combination of the listed species	
White bass		25 on Gr. Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R. 10 on inland	
Lake whitefish Lake herring (cisco) <del>Menominee</del>		12 in any combination	
Lake Sturgeon		<b>Please see Table 3 for Lake Sturgeon Regulations</b>	
All others (Note 6)	No size limit	No possession limit	<b>Open all year</b>

Notes for Table 2

Note 1 - All Coolwater fish

Coolwater fish include all species listed in this table. For easy identification of species see p. 22-23. Some waters may have other more restrictive regulations. Refer to Note 7 (p. 9), Note 8 (p. 10), Michigan-Indiana Bordering Lakes (p. 11), Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters (p. 12), Sylvania Wilderness Area (p. 13), and Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 14-18). **Also refer to the 2005 Michigan Inland Trout and Salmon Guide for regulations on trout streams and lakes.**

Note 2 - Bass

For catch and release largemouth and smallmouth bass season on select waters in **Genesee, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Oakland** counties, see Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 14 -18). On **L. Michigan**, within one-half mile of the following islands of the Beaver Island Archipelago: Beaver, Garden, High and Hog, (Charlevoix Cty.) the open season is July 1 - Dec. 31.

### Note 3 - Walleye

**Little Bay de Noc** (Delta Co.): No more than 1 walleye over 23" may be possessed north of a line drawn from Peninsula Point lighthouse to the mouth of the Ford R.

**St. Joseph R.** No more than 1 walleye over 23" may be possessed from the St. Joseph R. below Berrien Springs Dam to the mouth at St. Joseph/Benton Harbor.

**L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.:** One additional walleye may be taken in these waters.

**L. Erie:** The open season for walleye shall be June 1 to March 31.

### Note 4 - Yellow perch

**L. Huron** waters of Mackinac and Chippewa Cos. and the **St. Marys R.**, the minimum size limit is 7".

**L. Michigan** south of the 45th parallel (excluding the Grand Traverse Bays) the possession limit is 35 perch.

### Note 5 - Sunfishes

Includes: black and white crappies, bluegill, green and hybrid sunfish, longear, pumpkinseed, redear, rock bass, and warmouth.

### Note 6 - All others

Those species not listed above and not listed in Table 1 (p.6).

### Note 7 - Special Northern Pike & Muskellunge Regulations

#### Lakes with no size limit on northern pike, daily limit of 5 fish:

**ALCONA:** Badger L. **ALGER:** Nawakwa, Trout, and 16 Mile Lks. **ALLEGAN:** Pine Creek Flooding

**BARAGA:** Vermillac (Worm) L. **CHARLEVOIX:** Deer, Fox, Geneserath, Hoffman and Six Mile Lks.

**CHEBOYGAN:** Black R. upstream of Tower Dam (includes Tower Pond) and tributary streams only, Silver and Wildwood Lks. **CHIPPEWA:** Frenchman L. **DELTA:** Carr, Chicago, and Hamilton Lks.

and Escanaba R. (upstream from first dam at US-2) **DICKINSON:** Pickeral and Sawyer Lks.

**EMMET:** French Farm and O'Neal L. Floodings **GOGEBIC:** African (Big and Little), Chaney, Cisco, Clearwater, East Bay, Fishhawk, Indian, Lindsley, Morley, Poor, Record, and Thousand Island Lks.

**GRAND TRAVERSE:** Boardman L., Brown Bridge Pond and L. Dubonnet **HOUGHTON:** Rice L.

**IRON:** Bone, Buck, Indian, Runkle and Winslow Lks., Hemlock Falls and Michigamme Reservoirs, Michigamme Falls and Peavy Reservoirs, Lake St. Kathryn, Deer R., Net R., and Net R. Wide Waters.

**KEWEENAW:** Schlatter L. **LEELANAU:** Florence L. (S. Manitou Is.), artificial lures only

**LUCE:** East and Muskallonge Lks. **MACKINAC:** East L. **MANISTEE:** Bar L. **MARQUETTE:** Cedar L., Engman L., Dead R. Storage Basin, Witch L., Middle Br. Escanaba R., Big West Br. Escanaba R., and Escanaba R. (upstream from first dam at US-2)

**MASON:** Hamlin L. and Hackert L. (Crystal L.)

**MECOSTA:** Haymarsh L. **MENOMINEE:** Westman Impoundment **MISSAUKEE:** Missaukee L.

**MONTMORENCY:** East and West Town Corner Lks., Black River and tributary streams only

**MUSKEGON:** Big Blue L. **OCEANA:** Round (Wykoff) L. and Silver L. **OSCEOLA:** L. Miramichi,

Rose L. and Wells L. **OTSEGO:** Black R. and tributaries **PRESQUE ISLE:** Francis L., Ocqueoc R.

and tributary streams upstream of , but not including Ocqueoc Lk., Ocqueoc Watershed Lakes (Ann, Bullhead, Ella, Emma, Ferdelman, Gorman, Horseshoe, Lost, Louise, Lower and Upper Barnhart, May, McIntosh, Moore, Mud and Nettie), Black R. and tributary streams only (not including Tomahawk Flooding)

**ROSCOMMON:** L. St. Helen, Backus Cr., Mud L., and Little Mud L. Waterfowl Flooding

**SCHOOLCRAFT:** Boot, Crooked, Kennedy, Stanley and Thunder Lks.; **Seney National Wildlife**

**Refuge Pools** - contact Refuge office (906-586-9851). **WEXFORD:** L. Meauwataka

#### Lakes with 30" minimum size on Northern Pike:

**ALGER:** Duck and Echo Lks. (Grand Island) possession limit of 1 northern pike. **BARRY:** Fish L.

**IRON:** Cable and Porter Lks. **KEWEENAW:** Gratiot L. **MARQUETTE:** Fish L. **SCHOOLCRAFT:** Big Bass, Grassy, and McKeever Lks.

#### Lakes with Northern Pike and Muskellunge seasons the last Saturday in April - Nov. 30:

**BARRY:** Thornapple L. (from McKeown Rd. to Barger Rd.) minimum size on muskellunge is 50".

**KALAMAZOO:** Austin, Crooked, and West Lks. **LAKE:** Big Star L. **LENAWEE:** L. Hudson

**VAN BUREN:** Bankson L., Brownwood L., and Round L. (Keeler Twp. T4S, R16W, Sec. 13),

**SCHOOLCRAFT:** On the BIG ISLAND COMPLEX LAKES of Big Island, Bluegill, Blush, Byers, Coattail, Klondyke, McInnes, Mid, Townline, and Vance, artificial lures only, muskellunge or northern pike open season May 15 - Nov. 30, minimum size limit is 42" and possession limit is 1. No wheeled or motorized vehicles (including electric or outboard motors).

Notes for Table 2 continued —

Note 8 - Spearing Ban on Northern Pike & Muskellunge Lakes

The following lakes are closed to all spearing except as noted: all waters open to spearing carp May 1 – Aug. 15. \*Lakes where Northern Pike may be speared January 1 – February 28. See also Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters Regulations (p. 12), Sylvania Wilderness Area Regulations (p. 13) and Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 14-18).

Lakes closed to spearing (except carp may be speared May 1 – August 15):

<b>ALLEGAN:</b> Osterhout L.	<b>LAKE:</b> Big Star L.
<b>ALPENA:</b> Fletcher Floodwaters	<b>LAPEER:</b> Nepessing L.
<b>BARRY:</b> Clear, Crooked, Fish, Lower Lks., and Thornapple L. (No spearing from McKeown Rd. to Barger Rd.)	<b>LENAWEE:</b> L. Hudson
<b>CHEBOYGAN:</b> Cornwall Impoundment and *Tower Pond	<b>LIVINGSTON:</b> Whitmore and Woodland Lks.
<b>CHIPPEWA:</b> Caribou L.	<b>MACKINAC:</b> Brevport L.
<b>CLARE:</b> Budd L.	<b>MARQUETTE:</b> Fish L.
<b>CLINTON:</b> Ovid L.	<b>MONTMORENCY:</b> Fletcher Floodwaters and West Twin Lks.
<b>DELTA:</b> *Dana L.	<b>MUSKEGON:</b> Mona L.
<b>IRON:</b> Cable, Emily, Porter, and Stanley Lks.	<b>OAKLAND:</b> Heron and Tipsico Lks.
*Brule, *Chicagon, *Chief Edwards, *Paint, *Paint Pond, and *Violet Lks.	<b>OTSEGO:</b> Big Bear and Otsego Lks.
<b>KALAMAZOO:</b> Austin, Crooked, and Eagle (Texas Twp.) Lks.	<b>OTTAWA:</b> L. Macatawa
<b>KENT:</b> Campau and Murray Lks.	<b>SCHOOLCRAFT:</b> Big Bass, Grassy, and McKeever Lks.
<b>KEWEENAW:</b> Gratiot L.	<b>ST. JOSEPH:</b> Long L. (Fabius Twp. T6S, R12W, sec 7)
	<b>VAN BUREN:</b> Bankson L., Brownwood L., and Round L. (Keeler Twp. T4S, R16W, Sec. 13)
	<b>WASHTENAW:</b> Whitmore L.

Table 3 Lake Sturgeon

Hook & Line only (\*Except Black L. Cheboygan Co., special spearing season)

Open Season	Gear, Harvest, and Size Restrictions	
<b>July 16 - Nov. 30</b> Great Lakes and connecting waters (except L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.), all inland waters except Otsego L. & Black L. (Cheboygan Co.)	Catch and release only No possession	
<b>July 16 - Sept. 30</b> L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.	Between 42" - 50". All fish less than 42" and greater than 50" must be released immediately. (Note 1)	1 per season
<b>July 16 - Mar. 15</b> Otsego L. (Otsego Co.)	50" minimum (Note 1)	1 per season
<b>Sept. 3 - Nov. 1</b> All MI-WI boundary waters	50" minimum (Note 1, See Table 6)	1 per season
<b>First Saturday in Feb. to Sunday following the second Saturday</b> Black L. (Cheboygan Co.)	<b>Lottery Draw Only - 5 fish quota for the season</b> Tags will be issued by random drawing. Contact DNR Gaylord office 989-732-3541 for details	
*Spearing for lake sturgeon is prohibited, except in Black L. (Cheboygan Co.) under special lottery permit. <b>Note1:</b> A locking harvest tag must be obtained prior to fishing. Successful anglers must tag the fish and register it immediately (within 24 hrs.) at a designated registration station, check online for locations.		

Table 4 General Netting Regulations

The following gear restrictions apply for the species, seasons and water listed below:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Hand Nets may be of any circumference and handle length.</li><li>● Dip Nets may not exceed 9 x 9 feet square nor be erected or fished within 100 feet of any dam.</li><li>● Seines may only be used for minnows except under a scientific collector's permit issued by the DNR. FO-229 is available from DNR Operations Service Centers (page 24).</li></ul>		
Species	Seasons	Nets and Waters
Bowfin Carp Gar Smelt Suckers	Mar. 1 - May 31	<b>Hand Nets: South of M-72</b> Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., and Detroit R., and all tributaries from the mouth to 1/2 mile upstream. Selected inland streams (list FO-229)
	April 1 - May 31	<b>Hand Nets: North of M-72</b> (including Upper Peninsula) Great Lakes, St. Marys R. and all tributaries from the mouth to 1/2 mile upstream. Selected inland streams (list FO-229)
	April 1 - May 31	<b>Dip Nets:</b> All Lower Peninsula non-trout streams
	May 1 - May 31	<b>Dip Nets:</b> All Upper Peninsula non-trout streams
Burbot	Dec. 15 - end of Feb.	<b>Hoop Nets:</b> Permit required from DNR office. Peshekee R. (Marquette Co.); AuTrain R. (Alger Co.) from AuTrain L. to mouth; Sturgeon R. (Baraga Co.) from M-38 bridge to mouth; Sturgeon R. (Houghton Co.)